

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention is directed to novel heteroatom containing  
tetracyclic derivatives, pharmaceutical compositions containing them, their use  
in the treatment and / or prevention of disorders mediated by one or more  
estrogen receptors and processes for their preparation. The compounds of the  
invention are useful in the treatment and / or prevention of disorders associated  
with the depletion of estrogen such as hot flashes, vaginal dryness, osteopenia  
and osteoporosis; hormone sensitive cancers and hyperplasia of the breast,  
10 endometrium, cervix and prostate; endometriosis, uterine fibroids, osteoarthritis  
and as contraceptive agents, alone or in combination with a progestogen or  
progestogen antagonist.